Statement

Monthly Rental for Commercial Subscribers as prescribed by TRAI, vide order No. 312-7/2001 dated 14.03.2002

	RURAL	URBAN (In Rs.)
Exchange System	Tariff for rental after 1.4.2002	Tariff for rental after 1.4.2002
Upto 999	120	160
1000-29999	160	160
30000-99999	220	220
>99999	310	310

Monthly Limit for free calls to commercial subscribers

	Limits after 1.4.2002
Rural	45
Urban	30

Release of commemorative stamp

2640. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would issue a commemorate stamp in the memory of Shri P.S. Varier, the founder of 'Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala' during the centenary celebrations of this firm in 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(d) the details of*the proposed time-frame of the issue of the stamp?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAP AN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) The proposal for release of a commemorative postage stamp on late Shri P.S. Varier, the founder of 'Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala', was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 03.09.2001. The Committee has recommended the proposal for a commemorative stamp on the centenary of Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala for inclusion in the Stamp Issue Programme of the year 2002. The design of the stamp, which will incorporate a picture of Shri P.S. Varier, is under processing. The date of release will be finalised in consultation with the sponsor.

(d) It requires about six months from designing of the stamps to its release as the various stages of proofing, printing, distribution etc. are involved.

Regulation of courier operators

2641. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring amendments in the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 and Sea Customs Act to bring Private courier operators under these regulations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private courier operators are regulated by any other legislation at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Postal Department is facing challenge from private courier operators; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Department to meet the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAP AN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Sea Customs Act is not